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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: EXBS ADVISOR'S REPORTING CABLE (MAY 2009)

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BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS

11. On May 22, the proposed visit of the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee Chairman Kozy-Korpesh Karbuzov to the U.S. was postponed until the fall, in order to organize a fully coordinated program that will be successful in advancing the broad goals of mutual cooperation. On May 23, Kazakhstan Desk Officer Marty O'Mara notified Deputy Chief of Mission Dastan Yeleukenov at the Kazakhstan Embassy in Washington of the need to postpone this visit.

12. From June 2-4, Astana EXBS Advisor will participate in the 2009 EXBS Advisor Conference in Tbilisi, Georgia.

13. From June 25-27, the EXBS program is sponsoring the Tenth International Export Control Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. The Customs Control Committee has designated Marina Davidovskaya, Senior Specialist of International Relations, and Kuandyk Apanasov, Senior Specialist of the Department for Control of Customs Procedures, to represent Kazakhstan at the conference.

14. Kazakhstan has tightened epidemiological control at all airports, seaports, and land border crossings in response to reports of cases of influenza-like respiratory illness occurring in other countries due to the H1N1 influenza virus. Kazakhstan has prohibited the importation of pork and meat products from certain countries and is using the Fever Scan M3000 thermal imaging system at airports in Astana, Almaty, Atyrau, Aktobe, Aktau, and Karaganda

to screen for individuals with elevated body temperatures. Border Guard personnel are using face mask protection when screening passengers.

#### COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

##### 1A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS

15. From May 2-9, as a follow up to a recent agreement reached by the State Department and the Government of Armenia, Astana EXBS Advisor conducted an initial assessment of the Government of Armenia's enforcement and investigatory activities at Zvartnots International Airport and the Meghri land border crossing with Iran.

EXBS Advisor also met with officials at relevant agencies in the Armenian government to discuss how they conduct border enforcement and investigation activities.

16. From May 10-16, the EXBS Advisor and program assistant accompanied twelve Kazakhstan customs officers to McAllen, Texas for an EXBS-funded International Border Interdiction Training course conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The Border Guard Service declined an invitation to participate in this training opportunity.

##### 1B. TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

17. From May 11-15, an International Border Interdiction Training course conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers was held in McAllen, Texas.

18. From May 18-22, the International Counterproliferation Program sponsored training on Weapons of Mass Destruction, Basic Investigative Analysis in Astana. The course was conducted by officials from the Department of Defense, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security.

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##### 1C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

19. None

##### 1D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

110. The International Rail Interdiction Training course scheduled for June 8-12 in Saryagash, Kazakhstan was postponed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection due to lack of instructor availability.

111. On June 18-19, EXBS is sponsoring an Enterprise Outreach Workshop in Almaty, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy's International Nonproliferation Export Control Program (INECP). This workshop will involve local compliance experts from Kazakhstani organizations that have developed, or are developing, the capacity for an internal compliance program under which a supplier organization will determine if their items require an export license or raise technical issues related to non-proliferation.

112. On July 16-17, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) will conduct a two-day, EXBS-funded nonproliferation training session for Kazakhstani prosecutors and judges.

##### 1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

113. None

##### 1F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

114. Caspian Regional Maritime EXBS Advisor Lt. Michael Fisher will depart Baku, Azerbaijan, in June and responsibility for maritime issue related to Kazakhstan will be transferred to the Astana EXBS advisor.

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[¶](#)15. None.

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